

Appendix 5 Appendix 5 Planning Sub-Committee Minutes 24 May 2021

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The Committee considered the pre-application briefing for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of a part 7, part 24 storey building to provide 600sqm retail floorspace (Class E uses) accommodation at base; and 473 rooms of purpose-built student accommodation with communal amenity & ancillary spaces above; ancillary uses to student housing at ground level, with associated cycle parking & refuse storage at basement level; and associated landscaping and public realm works (elements of which will provide servicing and disabled drop off).

The applicant team responded to questions from the Committee:

- In terms of communal space, there was a gym on the 1st floor, a large lounge with kitchen, study and seating areas on the 7th floor and a large lounge at the top of the building. There was 50-60% more amenity space than in recent student schemes.
- The building was planned to be 24 storeys high. Daylight and sunlight studies had been carried out and the building would not block the light to the hotel at the opposite end of the block.
- The applicant did not currently own the site – if planning permission was granted then the purchase of the site would be completed.
- A 6-8 week consultation had been carried out, and there had been very limited feedback from local residents.
- On the lower floors there was one kitchen between six bedrooms and two kitchens to 20 bedrooms on the upper floors.
- A monetary donation would be made to the park, and the applicant would like to have a hand in the design for landscaping the street areas with the Council.
- The walls of the building would be 50cm thick, with high spec double glazed windows, which should block out the noise of the busy road junction.
- There were 16 bike spaces at ground floor level, along with secure parking in the basement.
- The site allocation plan indicated that the site was suitable for commercial use. The masterplan required all applicants to complete a commercial strategy to ensure there was a mix of commercial and residential.
- The scheme would be carbon neutral, car free and would connect to the energy network which would be available from 2024 (the scheme would complete in 2025).
- There would be two sets of stairs in the building. The building would have sprinklers and the fire safety strategy designed by experts. The safety standards would exceed

current regulations and meet regulations due to be implemented at the end of the year.

- The affordable housing contribution proposal was to provide 35% of rooms at a discounted rate to make them more affordable for students. However, the Council's preference was for a financial contribution to be made for offsite affordable housing in the borough.

The Chair thanked the applicants for attending.